

Directions for using Coin Pattern Prices Realized.

The most important tool you will use is the find command. It will save a lot of time searching for Judd or Pollock numbers, dates, names, etc.

After installing Microsoft Excel:

- Open Excel
- Click on Tools
- Click on Customize
- Click on Commands tab
- Click on Edit (under categories)
- Slide side bar down until Find shows.
- Drag Find (binoculars) to a convenient spot in the button bar (second row on top)
- Close customize

Copy ANA Patterns file from CD to your hard drive. If you want, you can change the name to anything that is good for you.

Before you start using this information, you probably will want to have a copy of the book "United States Patterns and Related Issues" by Andrew W. Pollock III, and possibly a copy of "United States Pattern, Experimental and Trial Pieces" by J. Hewitt Judd, M.D. You should have both of these in your library.

To use the Coin Patterns file, open it. Click on one of the tabs on the bottom. Your choices are, Pollock to Judd, 90s Auctions, 70-89 Auctions, Pre 1970 Auctions and , auction catalogs.

Pollock to Judd is a good cross reference. It also lists A& W numbers, rarities both Pollock & Judd, and the metal the coin is made from.

A fast way to find a Pollock or Judd number etc. in any of the sheets is to click on the A or B etc. column header. That will blacken the column, and then you can click the find button (binoculars). Type in your number, name, etc. This will search only in that column. If you want to search the entire sheet for don't click on the letter column heading.

Uses of the spreadsheet include not only finding the prices realized for a specific coin, but also giving an idea of how many have been sold in the past several years. My reason for going back to the 70's to 80's and before 1970 are more to get an idea of how many sold back then, who sold them, and being able to get a pedigree on the rarer coins. The prices realized back then are not as important in figuring out what a coin is worth today, as it is for the past 10 years.

Some coins are not priced because either at this time, I have not found a copy of the prices realized, or they may not have sold at that auction. Also the NS or MBNS at the end indicates that the coin was not sold. Some coins are put up again and again hoping to

realize a higher price. These are easy to spot. The same grade by the same grading service, and usually a few weeks later. This has to be taken into consideration when figuring out how many have been sold. Don't count each time the coin has been put up for sale, only the times it sold.

The information is not perfect. I have found errors in my work, the Auction Prices Realized, and a few auction catalogs. Some of the auctioneers make up their own numbers (usually adding an A or B) to designate a slight difference. If it is critical, follow my work back to the auction catalog itself. The earlier auctions were listed with A&W numbers, and sometimes these do not translate well. Judd improved on A & W, and Pollock improved on Judd.

If the auction is before 1914, the accuracy drops down to about 60%. This is because there is only a description, and not a Pollock, Judd or A & W number. Many of the descriptions are not complete enough to get an accurate number. They may not include the type of edge, metal, or a good description. On these, I did my best guessing. I usually guess the most logical, this being the most common. It is however very interesting to see what was sold back in the 1800's.

If the date is the first of the month (03/01/1997), I probably found the information in Krause's Auction Prices Realized. I am trying to follow up with the auction catalog, but the more work I do, the more information I find is out there. I intend to keep updating this as I go along.

If you need any help or information, please Email or call me. I am glad to help whatever I can.

Good Luck,

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